

October 21, 1954

## **Mrs. Mary Wilmsen**

Funeral services were held at the local Methodist church on Monday, Oct. 11, at 2:00 p. m., for Mary Wilmsen of Andover, who passed away at the Good Samaritan Home north of here on Thursday, Oct. 7, after an illness of two months. She was 83 years and two months of age. Rev. Harvey Sander officiated at the services. Mrs. Robt. Robertson and Mrs. Mylin sang, accompanied by Mrs. Robert Wegner at the organ.

Interment was made at the Groton cemetery. Pall bearers were James and Robert Harms of Groton, and Leon, Richard, Orville and Norman Helmer of Andover, all grandsons.

Mary McClelland Wilmsen was born to Samuel and Estelle McClelland on August 6th, 1871, at Brownsdale, Minn. She resided in Minnesota until her marriage in 1893 to John Wilmsen, after which they lived on a farm southeast of Groton until 1927 when Mr. Wilmsen passed away.

She attended the Methodist church and was a member of the Andover American Legion Auxiliary and was very active in church and community affairs until she became ill.

She is survived by four daughters: Mabel Helmer of Andover; Myrtle Leaby of Los Angeles; Mildred Johnson of Sioux Falls, and Pearl Harms of this city, and one son, Erwin Wilmsen, also of Groton; 15 grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren; one sister and one brother. Preceding her in death were her husband and one daughter.